Attorney's Docket No.: <u>7052272001</u>

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| In re Patent Application of                                                                 | ) |                          |
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| Ueli SULSER et al.                                                                          | ) | Group Art Unit: 1796     |
| Application No.: 10/593,541                                                                 | ) | Examiner: Roberto Rabago |
| Filed: July 25, 2007                                                                        | ) | Confirmation No.: 4491   |
| For: POLYMER COMPRISING AMIDE<br>AND ESTER GROUPS, METHOD FOR<br>PRODUCTION AND USE THEREOF | ) |                          |

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement issued March 30, 2010, in connection with the above-referenced application. In response to the Examiner's requirement, applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, i.e., process claims 1-18. **This election, however, is** made with traverse.

According to MPEP 803, a restriction should not be made if there is no "serious" burden on the Examiner to examine all the claims in a single application. This is the case even when other proper grounds exist for restriction. Here the searches for both groups of claims will necessarily overlap. Accordingly, no "serious" burden exists, and withdrawal of the requirement, and examination of all the claims are requested.

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In the event that there are any questions relating to this Response or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (202) 373-6000 so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4047.

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